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2 fever cases of the evening before, were satisfactorily proved to be malarial, so that after a second careful inspection of all persons aboard pratique was given. * * *

Respectfully,

L. L. LUMSDEN,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., in Temporary Charge.

Smallpox on the steamship Caithness at Port Townsend, Wash.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., April 30, 1901.

SIR : Regarding smallpox on board the British steamship *Caithness*, from Mororan via Comox, I have the honor to make the following report :

The first man, a sailor, was taken sick two days before leaving Mororan. Apparently, he contracted his infection in Tsing Tau, which place they had left ten days before and where the vessel had lain two weeks. His case was a mild one and he was never very sick. Five other mild cases followed among the sailors and firemen. On arrival here the first case had practically recovered. There were 5 mild cases in the papulo-pustular stage, 1 severe case in the papular stage, and another man who had been coming down with the disease for a day or two and on whom the rash had not yet appeared, making 8 cases in all. The last case has become confluent and his condition is serious.

The usual procedures as to disinfection and vaccination were taken and the ship and all hands, including the Victoria pilot, are now being detained the full fifteen days. Mr. Klocker, ship agent, and Customs Inspector Lehr, who had been exposed to the infection, were also taken to the station, bathed, their clothing disinfected, vaccinated, and detained five days until it was clear that their vaccination was successful. Mr. Bartlett, a ship agent, who had been on the ship's ladder, was given a bichloride bath, vaccinated, and his clothes disinfected.

If no new cases break out the vessel and well members of the crew will be discharged next Sunday. * * *

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox among the Indians at Sitka, Alaska.

SITKA, ALASKA, April 9, 1901.

SIR : Upon my arrival here, Special Deputy Collector McNair called my attention to the prevalence of smallpox among the Indians, and to the letter of the collector of customs of February 14, 1901, reporting the fact.

As it was spreading and nothing being done to stop it, I advised him to employ a physician at such time as the steamers were here to inspect both incoming and outgoing passengers. This has been done, and measures have now been taken to confine the disease to the Indians. It is of a very mild form, and it is believed will soon disappear. Until such time an inspection will be continued, and it is hoped this is all that will be necessary, and will stop it being carried to other places.

It is also reported that various places in the district are infected, but as nothing definite is known, it is not thought to be dangerous.

Respectfully,

D. H. JARVIS,
First Lieutenant R. C. S., Acting Special Agent.
Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.